IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kirkland § Group Art Unit: 2173

Serial No.: 10/675,673 § Examiner: Roswell, Michael

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For: Method and Apparatus for Increasing Personability of Instant Messaging with

User Images

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of April 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.